

## REMARKS

Claims 3-10 remain in the present application, and have been allowed.

Concerning canceled claims 1-2, these claims were rejected citing Larsen 2004/0146673 as the primary reference. Attention also is directed to Nahill 2004/0166264 noted in the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment. For the record, the subject matter of the present application, and the subject matters of the Larsen and Nahill published applications, at the time the inventions were made, were owned by Continental PET Technologies, Inc., who is the assignee of all three applications. Thus, these documents are not prior art to the present application, pursuant to 35 USC 103(c).

It is also noted that prior art of record, such as Marco 3,899,096 and Valyi 5,833,085, generally show attachment of finish rings to container preforms prior to molding containers from the preforms.

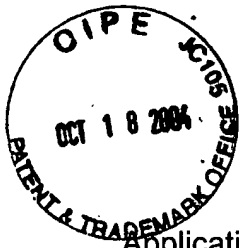
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